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SUBJ: CONSULTATION ON PORTUGAL

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1. I SHARE CONCERN EXPRESSED REFTEL AND SUPPORT DEMARCHES. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE WEST EUROPEAN EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL--PARTICULARLY TO PORTUGUESE MILITARY LEADERS.

2. REFTEL PARA (A) REFERS TO "RELIABLE" REPORTS LEFTISTS AND PCP PLAN TO TAKE MEASURES TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR POWER. WHILE THERE ARE MANY RUMORS AND SOME REPORTS TO THIS EFFECT, AND SUCH MOVES MAY WELL BE UNDER CONSIDERATION, THE PHRASEOLOGY USED SEEMS TO ME TO OVERSTATE ANY HARD EVIDENCE WE CAN PRESENT TO OUR ALLIES.

3. I WOULD ALSO PHRASE PARAGRAPH (C) SOMEWHAT DIFFERENTLY. IN MY JUDGMENT AFM LEADERSHIP IS NOT PRESENTLY HINTING AT CANCELLATION. IT IS GIVING A CLEAR SIGNAL TO POLITICIANS THAT IT WANTS PLATFORM CONSISTENT WITH ITS OWN VIEWS. IT IS
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ALSO SETTING STAGE FOR MANIPULATING OR MODIFYING OUTCOME IF

DESIRED RESULT DOES NOT OCCUR.

4. IN MAKING DEMARCHES, SUGGEST ADDRESSEES BE MADE AWARE
THAT DISAGREEMENTS TO EXIST WITHIN MILITARY AND THAT RIGHTIST
AND/OR CENTER OPPOSITION MOVE ALSO POSSIBLE. WE HAVE RECEIVED
REPORTS TO THAT EFFECT.

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